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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR K.O. STEPHENS, CEP, OGSM

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SUBJECT: CCC CREDIT FOR WHEAT-SRI LANKA

REF: (A) STATE 123328, (B) COLOMBO 1977, (C) COLOMBO 2157

1. TENDER DATES MENTIONED REFS B AND C SUPPLIED BY CHAIRMAN, STATE FLOUR MILLING CORPORATION (SFMC). IN MEETINGS MAY 16 AND 17 HE INFORMED ECON OFFICE THAT CHANGED ESTIMATES RESULT FROM NEW GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) RESOLUTION RE TENDER PROCEDURES. RESOLUTION ADOPTED DURING INTERIM BETWEEN TRANSMITTAL REF B AND REF C, REQUIRES CABINET REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL GOVERNMENT TENDERS WITH VALUES EXCEEDING RUPEES ONE MILLION. CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED THAT RESOLUTION'S REQUIREMENTS CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE, AND SINCE IT WAS EXTREMELY UNCERTAIN HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL TO ISSUE TENDER HIS LATER ESTIMATE (REF C) WAS MORE CONSERVATIVE. HE HAS SINCE LEARNED THAT A NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS, HIS AMONG THEM, MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CABINET APPROVAL REQUIREMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, HE NOW STATES, EMPHASIZING CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY, THAT A TENDER MIGHT BE ISSUED IN LATE JUNE.

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2. REGARDING DELIVERY DATES,: SFMC CHAIRMAN STATES THAT CURRENT COMMITMENTS AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES ARE SUCH THAT STORAGE FACILITIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE OCTOBER AT THE EARLIEST. ACCORDINGLY, HE REQUESTS THAT CREDIT LINE SPECIFY SHIPMENTS TO BE MADE NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 1978.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SHIPMENTS BE HELD UNTIL
NOVEMBER 1 AS REQUESTED. POSSIBILITY FOR US PARTICI-
PATION REMAINS AS STATED REFS B AND C BUT OBVIOUSLY
WILL DIMINISH IF US CANNOT MEET REQUEST NOT TO SHIP
PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1.
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